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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 15, 1899.

NEW HAMPSHIRE
STATE LIBRARY

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

SELECTMEN, OVERSEER OF THE POOR,

TOWN TREASURER,

TOWN CLERK, ROAD AGENT, SCHOOL BOARD, LIBRARY TRUSTEES, AND AUDITORS

OF THE

TOWN OF CHESTER,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 15, 1899.

DERRY, N. H.:
CHARLES BARTLETT,
PRINTER,
1899.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OE NEW HAMPSHIRE.

[L. S.]

To the inhabitants of the town of Chester, in the County of Rockingham, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary town officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriation of the same.

3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for salary of librarian, and defray running expenses of the library.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the decoration of soldiers' graves.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in addition to that required by law, to purchase books for the Free Public Library.

6. To see if the town will vote to purchase two five-gal. Racine Chemical Fire Extinguishers to go with the hand engine, and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Given under our hands and seal, this twenty-seventh day of February, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,
CHARLES H. GREENE,
HERBERT L. CHASE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

A true copy. Attest:

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,
CHARLES H. GREENE,
HERBERT L. CHASE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator—Nathan W. Goldsmith.

Town Clerk—Cyrus F. Marston.

Selectmen—Charles H. Edwards, Charles H. Greene, Herbert L. Chase.

Overseer of the Poor—Charles H. Greene.

Town Treasurer—George S. West.

Road Agent—James E. McCannon.

Collector of Taxes—George L. Converse.

School Board—John M. Webster, Sarah P. Webster, James G. Robertson.

School District Treasurer—James G. Robertson.

Representative—George S. West.

Library Trustees—James G. Robertson, Augustus P. Morse, Addison A. Bean.

Constables—Dwight M. Mitchell, Edwin P. Jones, Nathan W. Goldsmith.

Supervisors—Cyrus F. Marston, George L. Converse, Robert H. Hazelton.

Auditors—Cyrus F. Marston, Martin Mills, Oren F. Page.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

For the fiscal year ending February 15th, 1899.

VALUATION.

Resident real estate,	$262,059 00	
Non-resident real estate,	39,623 00	
No. polls, 212,	21,200 00	
Horses, 225,	10,402 00	
Oxen, 14,	645 00	
Cows, 395,	8951 00	
Other neat stock, 79,	1430 00	
Sheep, 54,	132 00	
Bank stock,	5062 00	
Money at interest,	4875 00	
Stock in trade,	7475 00	
Mills, machinery, etc.,	5000 00	
		$366,854 00

APPROPRIATIONS.

State tax,	$794 75
County tax,	1050 07
Town tax,	500 00
Highway tax,	1200 00
School tax required by law,	935 00
Additional school money raised by tax,	400 00
Books for public library,	100 00
Librarian's salary and running expenses,	50 00
School house repairs,	100 00

Memorial day, .	$50 00	
Overlay, . . .	116 36	
Tax omitted and added, . .	23 20	
		$5319 38
Rate per cent of taxation on $100, .		$1 45

AMOUNT OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Amount required by law, . .	$935 00	
Additional amount raised by tax .	400 00	
Literary fund, . . .	100 44	
Balance of dog license for 1897, .	146 27	
		$1581 71

The Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor have given orders on the Town Treasurer for the payment of the following bills:

FOR REPAIRS ON HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid for labor and lumber, repairs on road machine, etc., . .	$1361 38	
		$1361 38

BREAKING ROADS.

1898.				
April	16,	paid George L. Fitz,	$62 52	
	18,	George L. Fitz, .	8 96	
Dec.	17,	Charles H. Greene, .	6 00	
1899.				
Jan.	21,	J. E. McCannon, .	72 73	
	21,	" .	17 08	
Feb.	15,	S. G. Healey, .	3 60	
	15,	E. P. Jones, .	10 68	
	15,	C. H. Edwards, .	23 44	
	15,	W. T. Owen, .	12 01	
				$217 02

SCHOOL MONEY.

1898.			
June 20,	paid James G. Robertson, .	$550 00	
Nov. 10,	" " .	650 00	
1899.			
Jan. 21,	" " .	381 71	
			$1581 71

SCHOOL HOUSE REPAIRS.

1898.			
April 18,	paid James G. Robertson, .	$100 00	
			$100 00

SCHOOL BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

June 20,	paid James G. Robertson, .	$42 30	
1898.			
Feb. 15,	" " .	26 24	
			$68 54

PRINTING AND STATIONERY.

1898.			
April 19,	paid Charles Bartlett, printing 500 town reports, printed in March, 1898. .	$39 95	
	Edson C. Eastman, 1 tax collector's book, $1 20; Town order receipt book, $2 00, postage 20, .	3 40	
1899.			
Feb. 15,	paid Edson C. Eastman, 6 town warrants, . .	30	
Feb. 15,	paid G. L. Converse, for tax bills 1898, . .	1 00	
			$44 65

PUBLIC LIBRARIAN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Jan. 21, paid James G. Robertson, .	$50 00	
		$50 00

PUBLIC LIBRARY BOOKS.

1898.		
April 18, paid James G. Robertson, .	$100 00	
		$100 00

CARE AND ATTENDANCE WITH HEARSE.

1899.		
Feb. 15, paid Alonzo A. West for the following:		
1898.		
Feb. 16, Mrs. Elizabeth Small, .	$2 00	
March 16, Mrs. Jane C. Knowles, .	2 00	
April 6, Mr. James Marden, .	2 00	
May 7, Mr. Freeman Fisk, .	2 00	
August 24, Miss Josephine Richardson,	2 00	
25, Mrs. Caroline Fisk, .	2 00	
Sept. 2, Mrs. Vina Bailey, . .	2 00	
21, William H. Fisk, . .	2 00	
1899.		
Jan. 11, Mr. Gustavus Bryant, .	2 00	
Feb. 3, Mr. John E. Dow, . .	2 00	
		$20 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

1898.		
Aug. 13. paid G. L. Converse for discount on taxes paid on or before Aug. 1st, 1898. .	$53 94	
		$53 94

COLLECTING TAXES.

1899.		
Feb. 15, paid G. L. Converse, balance on list of 1897, .	$14 47	
Feb. 15, paid G. L. Converse, on list of 1898, . .	39 00	
		$53 47

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Feb. 15, paid G. L. Converse, on list of 1897 as follows:		
Charles E. Cook, left town.	$1 55	
William A. Mellen, "	1 55	
George H. Spofford, "	1 55	
Wm. H. Brennan, "	1 55	
Reuben Fanning, "	1 55	
Hiram Parker, "	1 55	
George M. Spofford, "	1 55	
Charles H. Woodard, "	1 55	
Ernest O. Raymond, "	1 55	
Chatman Corey, unable	1 55	
William Parker, "	1 55	
Frank Parker, "	1 55	
Harriet C. Shaw, "	3 88	
		$22 48

RETURNS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Feb. 15, paid Arthur L. Emerson, for 6 births, . .	$1 50	
Feb. 15, paid Arthur L. Emerson, for 5 deaths, . .	1 25	
Feb. 15, paid Cyrus F. Marston, for 6 births, . .	1 50	
Feb. 15, paid James G. Robertson, for 3 marriages, .	75	
		$5 00

PUBLIC WATERING TROUGHS.

Jan. 21, paid Ebenezer Marden, for furnishing trough in 1898,	$3 00	
		$3 00

CARE OF CEMETERY.

1898.		
Dec. 17, paid Robert H. Hazelton, .	$8 00	
		$8 00

MEMORIAL DAY.

May 28, paid Edward J. Robie, .	$50 00	
		$50 00

DAMAGE DONE BY DOGS.

1899.		
Jan. 21, paid Ebenezer Morse, 1 sheep, killed by dogs in Nov., 1898, . .	$ 3 50	
Feb. 15, David Sanborn, for 2 sheep killed by dogs in April, 1898, . .	10 00	
		$13 50

MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.

1898.		
April 18, paid C. B. Hall for housing road machine, . .	$ 1 50	
12, S. W. Emery, for counsel in 1897, . .	7 50	
19, Charles H. Knowles, on Town Clock, .	30 00	
July 15, John T. Ramsay, interest on note, . .	20 00	

20,	C. A. Norton's bill on O.H. Edwards case, .	$30 78
23,	Harry N. West, for sign boards and repairs on seats in Town Hall, .	5 00
26,	A. H. Wilcomb, for bicycle signs, . .	50
26,	C. A. Norton, serving papers for town in 1897, .	4 08
Aug. 13,	A. H. Wilcomb, for insuring Town hall from Aug. 1st, 1898, to Aug. 1st, 1899, . .	10 00
Oct. 21,	N. W. Goldsmith, services as Moderator March 8th, 1898, .	5 00
Nov. 10,	W. R. C. for refreshments served Nov. 8th, .	2 40
Dec. 17,	E. P. Jones, for services as dog killer, .	6 00
17,	E. P. Jones, police services, July 4 and Nov. 8, .	4 00
17,	J. E. McCannon, police services Nov. 8, .	2 00
17,	L. H. Pillsbury & Son, for table for town hall, .	4 00
1899.		
Feb. 15,	J. A. Converse for attendance at Court, Oct.term 1898, . .	6 00
15,	J. A. Hooke, for attendance at Court, Oct. term, 1898	6 00

15,	C. H. Kent, for use of town hall 4 times,	2 00	
15,	E. P. Jones, for attendance at Court, Oct. term, 1898,	10 00	
15,	C. H. Edwards, services and expenses to D. Sanborn's about sheep, .	2 00	
15,	C. H. Greene, services and expenses to D. Sanborn's about sheep, .	2 00	
15,	C. S Wilcomb & Son, for 4 lamps for town hall, .	12 00	
15,	C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for nails, . .	35	
15,	C. H. Green, for 1 guide post, . .	1 00	
			$174 11

SUPERVISORS SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1898.			
Dec. 17,	paid Albert F. B. Edwards, .	$8 00	
1899.			
Feb. 15,	paid George L. Converse, .	8 00	
	Alonzo A. West, .	8 00	
			$24 00

SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 15,	paid James G. Robertson, .	$40 00	
	paid John M. Webster, .	31 00	
	paid Sarah P. Webster, .	29 00	
			$100 00

TOWN CLERK'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 15, paid Cyrus F. Marston, .	$21 00	
		$21 00

TOWN TREASURER'S SERVICES.

Feb. 15, paid George S. West, .	$25 00	
		$25 00

SELECTMEN'S SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

Feb. 15, paid Charles H. Edwards, .	$79 50	
Charles H. Greene, .	47 00	
Herbert L. Chase, ..	25 50	
		$152 00

OVERSEER OF THE POOR, SERVICES AND EXPENSES.

1899.		
Feb. 15, paid Charles H. Greene, .	$19 00	
		$19 00

AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Paid Cyrus F. Marston, . .	2 00	
Martin Mills, . .	2 00	
Oren F. Page, . .	2 00	
		$6 00

SELECTMEN AND AUDITOR'S SERVICES.

Paid Charles H. Edwards, .	$5 00	
		$5 00

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. EDWARDS,
CHARLES H. GREENE,
HERBERT L. CHASE,
} Selectmen of Chester.

NOTICE.

All taxes assessed in the town of Chester for the year 1898 not paid on or before the first day of April next, will be advertised and collected as the law directs.

GEORGE L. CONVERSE, Collector.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1899.

REPORT OF CHARLES H. GREENE,
Overseer of the Poor.

LUTHER W. MORSE.

Paid Mrs. Fannie West, for board from from Feb. 8, 1898, to Feb. 14, 1899, . .	$119 25	
		$119 25

HIRAM S. DROWNS.

Paid Fred L. Drowns, for board from Feb. 14 to June 6, 1898, .	$40 00	
Hiram S. Drowns, . .	20 00	
Mrs. Daniel W. Drowns, for board from Nov. 9, 1898, to Jan. 4, 1899, . .	10 00	
G. R. Bennette, M. D., for professional services, .	1 50	
		$71 50

ELEAZER YOUNG.

Paid Alonzo A. West, as guardian for aid and support, . .	$60 00	
		$60 00

AID FURNISHED DEPENDENT SOLDIERS.

GEORGE F. SMALL.

Paid C. H. Greene, 2 5-8 cords of wood,	$9 00	
C. H. Edwards, 1 cord of wood, .	3 75	
		$12 75

JAMES A. RAYMOND.

Paid James B. Harvey, M. D., for professional services, . .	$16 00	
		$16 00

TRANSIENT.

Paid E. P. Jones, for lodging 40 transients, . .	$21 00	
		$21 00

LEE DAVISON.

Paid A. L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services, . .	$4 00	
		$4 00

MRS. GEORGE SMALL.

Paid A. L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services, . .	$8 00	
		$8 00

JAMES WALLACE.

Paid A. L. Emerson, M. D., for professional services, . .	$5 00	
		$5 00

LOUIS CURRIER AND CHILDREN.

Paid C. H. Edwards, for carrying Louis Currier and children to County farm, . .	$3 00	
		$3 00
Total amount for support of poor in town,		$320 50

COUNTY PAUPERS.

Elijah Stockwell.

Paid Mrs. Fannie West, for board from Feb. 8, 1898, to Feb. 14, 1899,	$79 50	
		$79 50

Willard Porter.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished, . .	$14 05	
Webster Bros., for goods furnished,	5 68	
Edward West, for 1 cd. wood, .	3 00	
		$22 73

Charles Tebbetts.

Paid C. S. Wilcomb & Son, for goods furnished, . .	$5 87	
		$5 87
Collected of Rockingham county and paid Town Treasurer . .		$108 10

CHARLES H. GREENE, Overseer of the Poor.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1899.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Overseer of the Poor for the year ending Feb. 15th, 1899, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS,
OREN F. PAGE, } Auditors.

STATEMENT OF JAMES E. McCANNON,

Road Agent.

1898.

FOR WORK DONE IN MARCH AND APRIL.

Paid J. F. McCannon and team 10 days,	$40	00
H. Robie and team 9 days,	31	50
J. W. Chase and oxen, 2 days,	6	00
Earl Robinson and team 2 days 2 hours,	8	80
G. S. West and team 8 hours,	3	20
Arthur West and team 3 days,	12	00
H. Parker and team 1 day,	4	00
Arthur Underhill 10 days,	15	00
G. W. Davis 1 day,	1	50
Frank Morse 9 days,	13	50
E. C. Chase 2 days,	3	00
C. Robie 3 days,	4	50
Arthur Leighton 2 days,	3	00
" " and horse 6 hours,	1	65
John Hall 3 days 7 hours,	5	55
Fred Kendell,	2	55
Albert Knippie 4 days 9 hours,	7	35
E. Jones 3 days, 9 hours,	5	85
Thomas Curtis, 4 days, 8 hours,	7	35
E. P. Jones, 3 days,	4	50
Page Long 3 hours,		45
J. E. McCannon 12 days,	24	00

Paid Martin Mills 162 feet plank, .	$1 72	
Powder and fuse, .	3 00	
Repairs on road machine, .	1 00	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son, oil, .	45	
		$211 42

For Work Done in May.

Paid J. F. McCannon and team 13 days,	$52 00
H. Robie and team 12 days, .	42 00
H. Parker and team 3 days, 8 hours, . .	15 20
C. H. Smith and team 4 days, .	16 00
G. Southwick and team 2 days, .	8 00
C. Robie and team 3 days 5 hours,	14 00
F. Morse, 13 days, . .	19 50
F. Brown, 12 days, . .	18 00
G. Whittemore, 10 days, .	15 00
G. Morse, 6 days, . .	9 00
A. Underhill, 6 days, .	9 00
O. Spofford, 5 days, 8 hours, .	8 70
Cyrus Roberts, 2 days, 5 hours, .	3 75
C. Robie, 5 days, 5 hours, .	8 25
G. Mackintosh, 5 days, 5 hours, .	8 25
E. Gifford, 3 days, . .	4 50
G. Bailey, 7 days, . .	10 50
Edson Eastman, 1 day, .	1 50
David Butterfield, 2 days, .	3 00
G. Robie, 1 day, . .	1 50
H. Brown, 4 days, 5 hours, .	6 75
Page Long and horse, 3 days, 5 hours, . .	9 62
John Hall, 2 days, 5 hours, .	3 75

Paid F. Kendall, 2 days 5 hours, .	$3 75	
E. Nichols, 3 days, . .	4 50	
F. T. Smith, 3 days, 8 hours, .	5 70	
A. Knippe, 3 days, . .	4 50	
C. Brown, 1 day, . .	1 50	
E. P. Jones and horse, 2 days, 5 hours, . .	6 87	
O. Robie, 2 hours, . .	30	
J. W. Chase, 156 feet plank, .	1 56	
Dale Bros., 400 feet plank, .	4 00	
Page Long, 175 loads gravel, .	14 00	
A. Underhill, for horse 1 day, 5 hours, . .	1 87	
J. E. McCannon, 15 days, .	30 00	
		$366 32

For Work Done in June.

Paid J. F. McCannon and team 12 days 5 hours, . .	$50 00
H. Robie and team 11 days 3 hours,	39 55
C. Robie and team 5 days 3 hours,	21 20
Arthur West and team 2 days, .	8 00
George Fitz and team 9 days 9 hours,	39 60
Earl Robinson and team 9 days 7 hours, . .	38 80
G. Whittemore 11 days 3 hours, .	16 95
F. Morse 10 days, . .	15 00
F. Brown 10 days 2 hours, .	15 30
H. Brown 10 days 3 hours, .	15 45
A. Underhill 10 days 3 hours, .	15 45
A. Hooper 5 hours, . .	75
O. Robie 9 hours, . .	1 35

Paid G. F. Morse 3 days, . .	$4 50
C. H. Smith and team 4 days 2 1-2 hours, . .	17 00
F. T. Smith 9 days 2 hours, .	13 80
E. Gifford 8 days 8 hours, .	13 20
F. A. Morse 8 days 5 1-2 hours, .	12 83
C. S. Wilcomb and horse 9 hours, .	2 47
C. S. Wilcomb, horse, 3 hours, .	38
C. H. Smith, 20 posts, .	1 00
John Hall 13 days 1-2 hour, .	19 58
F. C. Kendall 4 days 8 hours .	7 20
A. E. Leighton 6 days 5 hours .	9 75
James Gerah 3 hours, .	45
E. P. Jones and horse 7 days 5 hours	20 62
E. Jones and horse 5 hours, .	1 37
E. Jones 2 days 5 hours, .	3 75
Calvin Griffin 2 days, . .	3 00
C. T. Brown 4 days 5 hours, .	6 75
A. Knippie 6 days. . .	9 00
C. Bickford and team 1 day .	4 00
George Cammett 7 days 5 hours, .	11 25
" " for horse 2 days, .	2 50
Martin Colby 5 hours, .	75
C. McDuffee, pins, . .	50
D. Weeks, poles, . .	5 60
E. L. Dow 12 days, . .	18 00
C. Stevens 2 days . .	3 00
A. J. Lane and team 7 days, .	28 00
A. J. Lane 3 days 5 hours, .	5 25
A. J. Lane for bridge stuff and hauling . . .	8 40
A. E. True 4 days, . .	6 00

Paid W. W. Lane 2 days 5 hours, .	$3 75	
F. Dolber and team 1 day. .	4 00	
J. E. McCannon 16 days, .	32 00	
S. G. Healey and horse 3 days 5 hours, . .	9 62	
B. Healey 3 days 5 hours, .	5 25	
Rufus Forsaith 1 day 5 hours, .	2 25	
		$574 17

For Work Done in July and August.

Paid J. F. McCannon and team 1 day, .	$4 00	
Ed. West and man 3 days, 9 hours,	11 70	
Ed. West for horse 2 days 4 hours,	3 00	
Earl Robinson, 9 hours, .	1 35	
Austin Owen, 1 day, . . .	1 50	
" " for horse 5 hours, .	62	
W. T. Owen, 1 day, . .	1 50	
" " for horse 5 hours, .	62	
Rufus Abbott, 8 1-2 hours, .	1 27	
Charles Hanscomb, 3 hours, .	45	
Charles Abbott, 5 hours, .	75	
Lincoln Haselton, 5 hours, .	75	
Arthur Holman, 5 hours, .	75	
C. Johnson, 1 day, . .	1 50	
Harry Webster, 3 days, 5 hours, .	5 25	
E. P. Jones and horse 2 1-2 hours,	69	
" " spikes, . .	20	
O. Spofford, 4 hours, . .	60	
G. D. Rand, 10 loads of gravel, .	1 00	
C. Robie and team 1 day, .	4 00	
G. Whittemore, 1 day, .	1 50	
J. E. McCannon, 2 days, .	4 00	

Paid Mrs. S. Haselton, rails and posts,	$1 00	
E. T. Morse, repairs on road machine, etc.,	3 83	
		$51 83

For Work Done in September and October.

Paid George L. Fitz and team, 1 day, 1 hour,	$4 40	
John Hall, 2 days, 9 1-2 hours,	4 43	
Fred Kendall, 2 days, 9 1-2 hours,	4 43	
J. F. McCannon and team, 5 hours,	2 00	
Geo. Whittemore, 1 day,	1 50	
E. Woodard, 2 days,	3 00	
S. G. Healey, 2 days,	3 00	
B. Healey, 2 day,	3 00	
E. Jones, 5 days, 2 2-3 hours,	7 90	
E. P. Jones and team, 6 hours,	1 65	
Geo. Dane and horse, 1 day,	2 75	
Harry Webster, 1 day, 5 hours,	2 25	
A. West and team, 2 1-2 hours,	1 00	
W. H. West, 2 1-2 hours,	37	
J. E. McCannon, 1 day, 5 hours,	3 00	
Mrs. Edwin Hazelton, for bridge stringers,	2 00	
		$46 68

For Work Done in November.

Paid J. E. McCannon, 3 days, 5 hours,	$7 00
John Hall, 1 day, 6 hours,	2 40
E. C. Chase, 1 days, 9 hours,	2 85
G. Whittemore, 1 days, 2 hours	1 80
F. C. Brown, 2 days, 6 hours,	3 90
J. F. McCannon and team, 2 days,	8 00

Paid W. T. Owen, 4 days, 2 hours, .	$6 30	
Rufus Abbott, 1 day, 7 hours, .	2 55	
C. H. Abbott, 2 days, 3 1-4 hours, .	3 49	
David Butterfield, 1 days, 5 1-2 .	2 32	
James Owen and team, 5 hours, .	2 00	
James Owen, for horse. 1 day, 5 hours, . .	1 86	
James Owen, 2 days, 5 hours, .	3 75	
Arthur Holman and horse, 1 day 8 hours, . .	4 95	
Lincoln Hazelton, 2 days, 5 1-2 hrs.	3 83	
Lincoln Haselton for horse, 1 day, 8 hours, . .	2 25	
J. W. Chase, 250 ft. plank and drawing, . . .	3 25	
A. J. Lane and horse, 4 hours, .	1 10	
A. J. Lane, 497 ft. plank and laying,	9 65	
Martin Mills, 30 loads of gravel and drawing. . .	7 50	
Martin Mills, 78 ft. plank, .	94	
Martin Mills, 1 2-3 hours, .	25	
A. H. West, 2 days, 7 hours, .	4 05	
A. H. West, for rails and drawing, .	2 00	
C. H. Webster, 1 day, .	1 50	
Ed. West, 6 days, 4 hours, .	9 60	
" " for horse, 9 hours, .	1 12	
		$100 21
		$1350 63

DR. THE TOWN OF CHESTER IN ACCOUNT WITH

1898–1899.

To discount on taxes paid on or before August 1st	$53 94
To cash paid for printing and stationery	44 65
To cash paid for improvement on roads and bridges	1361 38
To cash paid for breaking roads	217 02
To cash paid school district treasurer for schools	1581 71
To cash for school books and supplies	68 54
To cash paid for abatement of taxes	22 48
To cash paid for Memorial Day expenses	50 00
To cash paid for collecting taxes	53 47
To cash paid for public watering trough	3 00
To cash paid for care and attendance with hearse	20 00
To cash paid for county tax	1050 07
To cash paid for state tax	794 75
To cash paid for care of cemetery	8 00
To cash paid for return of births, marriages and deaths	5 00
To cash paid for miscellaneous bills	174 11
To cash paid for school board's services and expenses	100 00
To cash paid for town clerk's services and expenses	21 00
To cash paid for town treasurer's salary	25 00
To cash paid for selectmen's services and expenses	152 00
To cash paid for overseer of poor, services and expenses	19 00
To cash paid for auditor's services	6 00
To cash paid for selectmen's and auditor's expenses	5 00
To cash paid for support of poor	391 85
To cash paid for school house repairs	100 00
To cash paid for public library books	100 00
To cash paid for public library expenses and librarian's services	50 00
To cash paid for aid of dependent soldiers	36 75
To cash paid Webster Bros., note and interest	832 00
To cash paid for supervisor's services	24 00
To cash paid for damage done by dogs	13 50
Amount in treasury to balance	457 17
	$7841 39

GEORGE S. WEST, TOWN TREASURER. CR.

1898–1899.		
	By cash in the treasury, Feb. 1st, 1898	$222 72
Feb. 25	By cash of county, balance on 1897 and 1898	27 78
March	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1897	350 72
April	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1897	380 37
May	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1897	208 81
May	By cash of A. H. Wilcomb, for fines	5 00
June	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1897	277 92
June 3	By cash of town clerk for dog licenses	175 32
June	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	90 00
June 20	By cash hired of Webster Bros.	800 00
July	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	555 03
Aug.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	1105 27
Sept. 10	By cash of county for support of poor	56 05
Sept.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	214 35
Oct.	By cash of George L Converse, on tax list of 1898	281 54
Nov.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	425 13
Dec.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	880 63
Dec. 21	By cash of State, railroad tax	51 11
Dec. 21	By cash of State, savings bank tax	936 59
Dec. 21	By cash of State, literary fund	96 60
1899.		
Jan.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	250 09
Jan.	By cash of C. H. Kent, rent of town hall	27 00
Feb. 3	By cash of County, for support of poor	52 05
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, bal. of tax list of 1897	109 53
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, interest on taxes of '97	23 60
Feb.	By cash of George L. Converse, on tax list of 1898	238 18
		$7841 39

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Indebtedness of the Town Feb. 20th, 1899.

Note due John T. Ramsey, with interest at 4 per cent, . .	$513 33	
Note due Webster Bros., with interest at 4 per cent, . .	432 84	
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4 per cent, . .	266 67	
Note due C. H. Greene, with interest at 4 per cent, . .	266 58	
Amount Pressey legacy, . .	200 00	
Balance due H. S Drowne. . .	188 36	
		$1867 78

Assets.

Due on tax list of 1898, . .	$1279 77	
Balance in hands of Treasurer, .	457 17	
		$1736 94
Balance against the town,		$130 84

GEORGE S. WEST, Treasurer.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20th, 1899.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of George S. West, Town Treasurer, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT.

Books added to Public Library in 1898:

Purchased with town money or fines, .	71
Given, . . .	53
	124
Number of books taken out during the year, . . .	5230
Largest number taken out in one day, .	111
Smallest number. (Date of blizzard Feb. 16.)	2
Percent of fiction read, . .	79 per cent.
Percentage of non-fiction read, .	21 per cent.

Donors to library, Mrs. Clara J. Marden, Springfield, Mass., Baroness Burdett Coults, Charles Atkinson, Boston, Miss J. H. Thayer, Boston, Abby L. Pierson, Danvers, Mass., Mathews and Rule, Lynn, Mass., Mrs. C. F. Palmer, estate of Judge Richardson. Mark Sanborn, Mrs. Josephine Corning, Carrie B. Hazelton, Mrs. R. H. Hazelton, Mrs. Thomas Sawyer, C. J. Wilcomb, Lucy Bell.

A lady from Danvers has given a year's back numbers of Littell's Living Age, and Mrs. Josephine Corning of this town is giving current numbers of McClure's, Munsey's and Cosmopolitan magazines.

Money received in fines in 1898, .	$5 36	
From sale of catalogues, . .	50	
Balance from 1897, . .	2 77	
		$8 63

Expended for books, and needed supplies, . . .	$8 25	
Cash on hand to balance, . .	38	
		$8 63

GENERAL REMARKS.

Thomas Carlyle has said: "All that a university, or final highest school can do for us, is still but what the first school began doing—teach us to read. The true university of these days is a collection of books." We have a collection of books, and doubtless the work of a university is being done by them on a small scale. Where one reads with a purpose there is an opportunity with the aid of even a small library to become a man or woman of culture. Another author of repute has said that "every book we take up without a purpose is an opportunity lost of taking up a book with a purpose—every bit of stray information which we cram into our heads without any sense of its importance, is for the most part a bit of most useful information driven out of our heads and choked off from our minds." Books that furnish entertainment are in greatest demand here as everywhere and the majority of our books are of this chraracter. The most useful books, however, are those that cause us to think for ourselves and of these we have a moderate supply. During the year past there has been a gain over the preceding year of three per cent. in the reading of non-fiction. We trust that the coming year will see a still greater demand for solid reading. Prof. John Stuart Blackie gave as a result of experience this rule to young men: "Avoid miscellaneous reading. Read nothing that you do not care to remember; and remember nothing that you do not mean to use." The best books to read are those that will bear reading more than once, and a book that will not bear this test is hardly worth reading at all.

A glance at the Librarian's report will show that the library continues to be appreciated, and many a farm fireside is made brighter by the reading of books furnished cheerfully to all who apply for them. It has been said that the place where literature is appreciated is in the country home. The long winter evening quickly passes when one is absorbed in a good book; and, best of all, solid strength is being laid up by the assimilation of what is excellent in literature.

The hills of Vermont and New Hampshire have sheltered many a youth until the maturing of his powers and then sent him forth to serve his fellow men, and to be influential in shaping the life and policy of the nation. When Daniel Webster was asked to account for the "Great Stone Face" at Franconia, he replied: "You merchants of the city display signs outside your doors to indicate what goods you make there; the Almighty has placed his sign on that cliff to indicate that he makes men here." Anything which contributes to the making of solid, substantial men should have the hearty support of all citizens, and the free public library which now has been established in almost every country town is a factor in the upbuilding of the best type of manhood.

This report should not close without some mention of the gift of twenty-five dollars by Mrs. Clara J. Marden. This was a kindness which will not quickly be forgotten. Another addition to the treasury of something over twenty dollars resulted from an entertainment given by friends of the library. Thanks also are due to all who have presented books or periodicals. A larger number of patrons than usual have in this way manifested their interest in the general welfare.

A. A. BEAN,
JAS. G. ROBERTSON,
AUGUSTUS P. MORSE,
} Trustees of Free Public Library

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

Balance on hand March, 1898,	$8 33	
Received from town,	150 00	
from library entertainment,	20 13	
from librarian, fines,	2 50	
from Mrs. Clara J. Marden,	25 00	
		$205 96

EXPENDITURES.

Paid American Humane Education Society, one book,	$0 20
C. S. Wilcomb and Son, supplies,	72
Carrie B. Hazelton, one book,	2 25
F. J. Barnard & Co., rebinding,	10 17
DeWolfe, Fiske & Co., books,	88 78
The Granite Monthly Co.,	1 75
Wilson Wells, one book,	2 50
Cong. S. S. and Publishing Society, one book,	1 00
Kasson & Palmer, Standard Dictionary,	8 00
Mrs. Frank Gile, for work,	25
A. L. Cadwell, dictionary holder,	3 25
Courier Publishing Co., supplies,	3 25
A. H. Wilcomb, insurance,	7 50
James A. Edwards, two posts,	50
Kasson and Palmer, periodicals,	15 65
Edgar E. Gifford, work,	2 00
Albert T. Melvin, one book,	1 50
Edward West, for wood,	1 25
Geo. D. Rand, "	3 75
Isabelle H. Fitz, librarian's salary,	20 00

Paid Webster Bros., supplies, .	$0 88	
L. W. Hall, shelves, etc., .	2 50	
Wilson Wells, janitor's services, .	1 95	
Express and postage, . .	2 80	
		$182 40
Balance on hand, . .		$23 56
		$205 96

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON, Treasurer.

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1899.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the trustees and treasurer of the Free Public Library of the town of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL WARRANT.

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE,

ROCKINGHAM, SS:

To the inhabitants of the town of Chester School District qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Town Hall, in said town, Saturday, the eighteenth day of March, 1899, at two o'clock in the afternoon to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the ensuing year.

2. To choose a Clerk.

3. To choose a member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.

4. To choose a Treasurer.

5. To hear the reports of agents, auditors, committees or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

6. To see if the district will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the support of Schools in addition to that required by law.

7. To see what the district will do in regard to repair ing, furnishing and improving the school buildings, and raise and approriate a sum of money for that purpose.

8. To see if the district will vote to sell School House, No. 10, or what disposition will be made of the same.

9. To choose agents, auditors and committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.

10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Chester this second day of March, 1899.

SARAH P. WEBSTER, JAMES G. ROBERTSON, JOHN M. WEBSTER,	School Board of Chester.

A true copy of warrant. Attest:

SARAH P. WEBSTER, JAMES G. ROBERTSON, JOHN M. WEBSTER,	School Board of Chester.

SCHOOL REPORT.

The schools have been in session during the past year thirty-one weeks. This makes the longest school year of the town's history, although twice during recent years the schools have been in session thirty weeks. This result has not been brought about by reducing the salary of teachers. The aim has been to secure good teachers. New teachers have been required to pass an examination furnished by the State Superintendent, covering the studies taught in our common schools. This has proved to be an advantage. The calling of a teacher is one of the highest, and no one should think of entering it without thorough preparation. It is to be regretted that so many regard the position as a convenient way of earning some pocket money and care little about their equipment for work. The teachers employed have been above the average, and those who left town at the close of the summer term are filling more lucrative situations elsewhere.

At the last school meeting the district voted to raise a larger sum than usual in addition to what the law requires, and this has enabled the School Board to make better terms with teachers and to secure on the whole a higher grade of service than we have had in recent years. The progress in some of the schools can be readily observed. It is true of educational work as of everything else ; to secure good service one must pay good wages. For this reason we hope the district will be as generous in its appropriation this year as it was last.

One thing to which more attention should be given is the matter of punctuality. It should be borne in mind that the reading of the Testament at the opening of the school is a school exercise. Pupils coming into school during or after this exercise cannot expect to be marked perfect in attendance.

On this point teachers need to be particular, and to insist that the children be in their places when school begins. The habit of straggling into the school room anytime within fifteen minutes after the session has begun is against good discipline. In these days when almost everything is supposed to run on schedule time it is important that the habit of punctuality should be formed early. Aside from this it would seem that the time regulations of a public school are worthy of as much respect as those of a steamboat or railroad. If parents will do their part in helping the teacher, we think the record for perfect attendance can be improved during the coming year. It cannot be considered a hardship to require that the pupils shall be in the school-room by nine o'clock in the morning, and those who are there in season ought not to be interrupted by late comers.

We desire to thank the parents for the interest they have taken in the schools during the year. This helps the teacher and encourages the pupils. Parents who take the trouble to visit the school which their children attend can see what is being done for them, and can appreciate the faithful efforts of the teacher to bring out and develop the best that is in them. In this way parents learn to sympathize with the teacher, and where parents and teacher work together the school fulfils its aim.

SARAH P. WEBSTER,
JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
JOHN M. WEBSTER,
} School Board of Chester.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Lilla A. Morse,
Edna S. Jack,
Bertha McDuffee,
Lydia Woodard,
Laura R. Lane, ✲
Lillian Mackintosh,
Ruth N. Webster, ✲
Bertie Gile, ✲
Sherburne Hazelton, †
Ethel Mackintosh,
Leroy Woodard,
Roy W. Purinton, *
Howard B. Fitz, *
Ethel M. Greene,
Howard W. Edwards,
Joseph C. Edwards,
Robert Bryant,
Kate G. West, †
Charles O. Bursiel, *
Sewall F. Tenney,
Margaret West,
Cora Hill, ✲
Marion C. Webster, ✲
Bessie L. Wray,
Elsie Shackford,
Lena L. Webster, *
Marie Thayer,
Irwin Shackford,
Earle Hazelton,
Howard Woodard,
Clarence Johns,
Holly A. Purinton, *
Mildred Fitz, *
Roger P. Edwards, †
Sumner Edwards,
Walter S. Brown, †
Minnie Hazelton,
Hazel I. Stowe, †
Emma J. Dorr,
‡ Frankie Warren, †
Irving G. Robie.

† Indicates perfect attendance two terms.
✲ Indicates perfect attendance three terms.
‡ Transferred to Primary School Sept. 6.

EXPENDITURES.

Paid For Teaching.

1898.

June 23,	Minnie E. Leach,	.	$66 00
24,	Carrie B. Hazelton,	.	77 00

June 24,	Alice M. Hodge. . .	$93 50	
29,	Cora B. Follansbee, .	72 00	
30,	Lillian S. Copeland, .	84 00	
July 1,	Anna F. Martin, .	60 00	
1,	Annette Morse, . .	90 00	
Nov. 11,	Dorothy A. M. Ring, .	79 75	
11,	Lillian E. Rich, .	77 00	
17,	Susie M. Gillingham, .	78 00	
17,	Julia E. McLaren, .	77 00	
17,	Annette Morse, . .	82 50	
17,	Mabel F. Griffin, .	71 50	
1899.			
Jan. 19,	Susie M. Gillingham, .	52 00	
19,	Mabel F. Griffin, .	52 00	
20,	Annette Morse, . .	60 50	
27,	Julia E. McLaren, .	56 00	
27,	Lillian E. Rich, . .	63 50	
27,	Dorothy A. M. Ring, .	74 25	
			$1366 50

PAID FOR CONVEYING PUPILS.

Luther B. Lane, . .	$22 00	
Frank Barnard, . .	6 00	
Charles F. True, . .	40 00	
George H. Jack, . .	36 00	
Mrs. Susan Hazelton, . .	1 25	
		$105 25

JANITORS' SERVICES.

Paid Eddia A. Towle, . .	$2 10	
Wilson S. Wells, . .	2 75	
Leon D. Johnson, . .	2 00	
		$6 85

Miscellaneous.

Paid Mrs. M. F. West,	$12 00	
Mrs. A. M. Wakefield,	2 00	
Mrs. Ida M. Maxwell,	75	
		$14 75

Fuel Account.

Paid E. P. Jones,	$3 50	
W. P. W. Whittemore,	17 55	
E. E. Gifford,	5 50	
Edward West,	13 50	
Chas. H. Edwards,	3 75	
George D. Rand,	8 75	
Garland Smith,	8 62	
John Wason,	2 25	
Martin Mills,	3 00	
Leon Johnson,	2 00	
Chas. H. Greene,	8 50	
Webster Bros.,	10 75	
		$87 67

Repairs on School Buildings.

Paid F. P. Shackford,	$2 65
G. H. Bailey,	3 00
J. R. Rafferty,	33 00
Chas. A. Nichols,	2 00
Arthur E. Leighton,	25
Mark Sanborn,	50
A. F. B. Edwards,	60
Clarence O. Morse,	6 50
Arthur E. True,	60
J. B. Wilson,	75

Paid Garland Smith,	$0 88	
Webster Bros..	29 37	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	2 10	
H. W. West,	2 25	
		$84 45

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Paid Thorp and Martin,	$3 42	
American Book Co.,	5 00	
E. E. Babb & Co.,	13 28	
Levenworth & Meyer,	17 00	
Silver, Burdett & Co.,	7 78	
Ginn and Company,	8 90	
Carrie B. Hazelton,	2 00	
Samuel Ward Company,	2 73	
Geo. F. King & Co.,	95	
Webster Bros.,	3 78	
C. S. Wilcomb & Son,	1 60	
Express and postage,	2 78	
		$69 22

CREDIT.

Received from town,	$68 54	
Received for supplies sold,	68	
		$69 22

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1899.

We certify that we have examined the accounts of the School Board of Chester for the past year, and find them correctly cast, with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER'S REPORT.

School Money Received.

Balance from last year,	$60 61	
Cash from town treasurer,	1581 71	
From town of Derry, for tuition,	3 60	
		$1645 92

Expenditures.

Paid teachers,	$1366 50	
for conveying pupils,	105 25	
for fuel,	87 67	
janitors,	6 85	
miscellaneous bills,	14 75	
		$1581 02
Cash in treasurer's hands to balance,		64 90
		$1645 92

Expenditures on School Buildings.

Paid for repairs,	$84 45	
Cash in treasurer's hands to balance,	24 43	
		$108 88

Receipts.

Balance from last year,	7 88	
Received from town treasurer,	$100 00	
from John Hall for stove,	1 00	
		$108 88

Respectfully Submitted,

JAMES G. ROBERTSON,
District Treasurer

Chester, N. H., Feb. 20, 1899.

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of James G. Robertson, Treasurer of the School District of the Town of Chester for the year past, and find them correctly cast with satisfactory vouchers for the several charges.

CYRUS F. MARSTON,
MARTIN MILLS, } Auditors.
OREN F. PAGE,

SCHOOL TABLE.

No. of School.	TERMS.	NAMES OF TEACHERS.	No. of Weeks	Whole No. of Pupils.	No. of Pupils in Reading	Spelling	Writing	Arithmetic	Geography	Grammar	History	Composition.	Drawing.	Vocal Music	Physiology	Book-keeping	Algebra
1	Spring ..	Annette Morse.....	12	29	20	27	26	29	26	28	23	29	..	.	29	7	6
1. Div	Fall	Annette Morse.....	11	22	21	22	22	22	19	21	16	..	..	..	16	4	3
	Winter ..	Annette Morse.....	8	26	26	26	26	26	23	25	26	..	..	..	22	..	4
1	Spring ..	Carrie B. Hazelton.....	11	25	25	25	22	22	9	6	..	4	.	25	..	..	..
2. Div	Fall	Lillian E. Rich	11	28	28	28	28	28	16	5	..	5	28	28	4	..	..
	Winter ..	Lillian E. Rich	9	19	19	19	19	19	12	5	3	5	19	19	7	..	..
2	Spring .	Lillian S. Copeland	12	14	14	11	14	13	12	8	..	10	12	14	..	..	..
	Fall	Julia E. McLaren....	11	13	13	13	13	13	10	5	3	..	..	13	..	..	..
	Winter ..	Julia E. McLaren.....	8	13	13	13	13	13	11	6	2	..	..	13	..	..	..
3	Spring ..	Alice M. Hodge	11	24	24	24	24	18	18	18	12	..	..	..	..	..	3
	Fall	Dorothy A. M. Ring.....	11	31	31	31	31	22	22	23	18	..	..	..	..	..	3
	Winter ..	Dorothy A. M. Ring	9	24	24	24	24	21	21	21	18	..	..	..	..	3	3
5 & 10	Spring ..	Anna F. Martin.....	12	15	14	14	14	11	10	6	5	7	..	14	14	..	..
	Fall	Mabel F. Griffin	11	13	13	13	13	13	10	4	5	4	..	..	..	4	..
	Winter ..	Mabel F. Griffin	8	10	10	10	10	9	8	3	5	2	..	..	.	1	.
6	Spring ..	Minnie E. Leach.....	11	21	21	21	21	17	12	12	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
	Fall ...	Susie M. Gillingham.....	12	15	15	15	15	12	8	8	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
	Winter ..	Susie M. Gillingham.....	8	15	15	15	15	12	9	9	1		..	..	..	1	1
7	Spring .	Cora B. Follansbee	12	16	16	16	16	16	11	11	15	8	9	6	8	1	2

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, 1898.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING, Dec. 31, 1898.

Date of birth.	Place of birth.	Name of Child (if any.)	Sex & Con: Male or Female	Living or Stillb.	No. of Child.	Color.	Name of Father.	Maiden name of Mother.	Birthplace of Father.	Birthplace of Mother.	Age of Father.	Age of Mother.
Jan. 4	Chester..	.. ..	m	s	3	w	George H. Jack.....	A. Jessie Stevens....	Chester	New Boston	44	39
7	"	Forest Andrew	m	l	2	w	William P. Nichols...	Mary Abbie Dale ...	"	Boston, Mass	39	34
Feb. 5	"	Howard Shaw	m	l	3	w	Charles S. Beadle....	Abbie A Oslington..	North Troy, Vt....	New Durham.....	33	28
Mar. 2	"	Cora Cordelia.....	f	l	4	w	Rufus Forsaith.....	Mary Frances Morgan	Chester	Lawrence, Mass ...	37	27
April 10	"	Gladys Ellen	f	l	2	w	John F. Hill.....	Rose E. Hathaway...	Fairlee, Vt	Wilton, Me	42	37
2	"	Lester Jones	m	l	2	w	Farish G. Lewis.....	Flora G. Jones.....	Nova Scotia	Vt	28	22
May 17	"	Marjorie Mary	f	l	1	w	James E. McCannon.	Linda D. Chase.....	Salem, Mass.	Chester	35	32
30	"	Howard Earl.....	m	l	1	w	Herbert E. Huston ..	Mabel Fisk	Derry..	"	22	17
June 18	"	....	m	l	2	w	Charles H. Smith	May L. French	Chester	"	32	22
Aug. 4	"	Ada Thayer.....	f	l	9	w	Carvasso W. Neily...	Minnie Parker	Nova Scotia	Nova Scotia	44	39
30	"	.....	m	s	1	w	George H. Bailey....	Malvina Bryant.....	Mass	Mass	65	24
Oct. 1	"	Arthur Herbert.....	m	l	3	w	Elliott Seavey	Ella Kenniston	Chester	Auburn.....	27	24
6	"	Kenneth Parker.....	m	l	3	w	George F. Morse.....	Martha R. Parker...	"	Nova Scotia	27	26
18	"	.....	m	s	1	w	Elmer M. Robie	Maud C. Devins	"	.....	37	29
Nov. 15	"	....	f	l	1	w	William N. Colby	Kate V. Ramsey.....	Dunbarton	Manchester	34	27
28	"	Janette Elthina	f	l	2	w	George M. Newhall..	Alice M. Farnham...	Middletown, Conn.	Dunstable, Mass...	33	25

☞ Parents shou'd see that their children's births and names are recorded in the Town Records.

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING, Dec. 31, 1898.

Date	Place of Marriage	Name and Surname of Groom and Bride.	Residence of each at time of Marriage	Age of each	Color	Occupation of Groom and Bride	Place of birth of each.	Names of Parents.	Condition.	Name, Residence and Official Station of Person by whom married.
Feb. 9	Strafford ..	Frank A. Bryant.....	Chester	21	w	Farm Laborer	Lynn, Mass..	Gustavus Bryant.....	1	George L. Mason
		and						Louisa S. Hovey.....		Minister of the
		Addie M. Johnson.....	Strafford	18	w		Strafford	Levi B. Johnson.....	1	Gospel,
								Melissa S. Young.....		Strafford
April 17	Raymond ..	George F. Morse.....	Chester	28	w	Shoe-maker .	Chester	Franklin A	2	Albert H. Thompson
		and						Mary J. Cunningham ..		Congregational
		Martha R. Morse	"	27	w		Nova Scotia..	William Parker	2	Clergyman
								Eunice Burris.....		Raymond
May 8	Epping ...	Amos Sanborn	"	60	w	Farmer ..	Fremont	Ebenezer	2	Rev. David W. Downs
		and						Susan P. Bean		Clergyman
		Sarah J. Towle.	Fremont	41	w	House-wife....	Sandown.....	Isaac Brown.....	2	Epping
								Afia S. Batchelder....		
" 24	Chester	John L. Fleming.....	Tewksbury ..	44	w	Black-smith ..	Bennington ..	John H.....	2	James G. Robertson
		and						Orinda Dresser		Clergyman
		Nellie B Sleeper.....	Chester	41	w	Teacher .	Chester	Edmund Sleeper.....	1	Chester
								Belinda K. Underhill ..		
" 29	"	Herbert E. Huston.....	Derry	21	w	Farm Laborer	Derry	Benjamin F.....	1	Cyrus F. Marston
		and						Lizzie M. Carr		Justice of the
		Mabel Fisk	Chester	17	w		Chester	Freeman Fisk	1	Peace
								Emily J. Gerrish		Chester
" 30	Manchester	George M. Spofford ...	"	36	w	Mechanic	"	Jason	1	Rev. W. H. Morrison
		and						Susan E. Parsons..		Clergyman
		Laura N. Rich	Laconia	37	w		Pembroke, Me	John J. Rich	1	Manchester
								Belinda Nutt		
June 22	Chester ...	Arthur H. West	Chester	27	w	Farmer ..	Chester	George M	1	James G. Robertson .
		and						Nancy A. Hemminway.		Clergyman
		Georgianna D. Edwards	"	23	w		"	Albert F. B. Edwards..	1	Chester
								Anna E. Knights		
Dec. 17	" ...	Herman Follansbee....	"	24	w	Shoe-maker .	Sandown.....	Buzzell A	1	Bernard Christopher
		and						Augusta A. Jack		Baptist
		Bertha L. Tenney.....	"	18	w		Chester	Orlando M. Tenney ...	1	Minister
								Emmogine Fitts		Chester

DEATHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CHESTER, FOR THE YEAR ENDING. Dec. 31, 1898.

Date.	Place of Death.	Name and Surname of the Deceased.	Age. Year.	Age. Month.	Age. Day.	Place of Birth.	Sex Con Sex.	Sex Con Color.	Sex Con Single, etc.,	Occupation.	Name of Father.	Maiden Name of Mother.
1898												
Feb. 15	Chester	Maria E. Small	45	10	10	Lowell, Mass	f	w	m		Joel L. Woodard	Fannie M. Jones
Mar. 13	"	Jane C. Knowles	86	11	13	Raymond	f	w	w		Levi Page	Lovie Osgood
23	"	Lydia E. Blackstone	68	10	25	Reading, Mass.	f	w	m		Adam Hawkes	Elizabeth Hall
April 3	"	James Marden	77	11	23	Chester	m	w	m	Farmer	Ebenezer Marden	Nancy Colby
11	"	Maria B. Rhodes	87	7	11		f	w	w		Alexander Smith	Hepsabeth Hobbs
May 5	"	Freeman Fisk	71	6	23	Newton, Mass	m	w	m	Farmer	John Fisk	Joanna Damon
June 4	"	Charles P. Spofford	38	9	13	Chester	m	w	m	Mechanic	Jason Spofford	Susan E Parsons
Aug. 21	Manchester	Josie M. Richardson	27	3	6	Chester	f	w	s		David E. Richardson	Abbie R. Morse
22	Chester	Caroline L Fisk	61			Bow	f	w	w		James S. Brown	Sally F. Kenniston
25	"	Eleazer Young	84				m	w	w	Farmer		
31	"	Malvina Bailey	24	10			f	w	m		Gustavus Bryant	Louisa S. Hovey
Sept. 5	"	Samuel Russell	61	5	5	Me	m	w	m	Carpenter	John Russell	Margaret Morrison
20	"	Willie H. Fisk	3		22	Chester	m	w	s			Eliza R Fisk

I hereby certify that the above return is correct, according to my best knowledge and belief.

CYRUS F. MARSTON, *Town Clerk.*